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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 12, 2007

TO: All Circuit Court Judges and Friends of the Court

CC: Presiding Family Division Judges
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FROM: Daniel J. Wright, Director

RE: Friend of the Court Annual Statutory Reviews **Due August 1, 2007**

MCL 552.524 requires that chief circuit court judges annually review the performance of each county's friend of the court. Public notice of the annual review is required. The Friend of the Court Bureau Policies and Procedures Memo 1984-2 recommends that the notice be published twice, 60 and 30 days before the review, in the newspaper with the widest local circulation. Use form FOC 18, *Publication and Notice of Friend of the Court Annual Statutory Review*, which is available at: <http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/courtforms/domesticrelations/focgeneral/foc18.pdf>.

Form FOC 17, *Friend of the Court Annual Statutory Review* (rev. 9/05) should be used to conduct the review. Form FOC 17 is available at:
<http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/courtforms/domesticrelations/focgeneral/foc17.pdf>.

Please summarize any public comments and any citizen advisory committee reports or recommendations regarding the friend of the court's performance. The county friend of the court director may respond to anything in the review document. A copy of the director's written response should be sent with the review to the Bureau. The review (including any responses and a summary of public comments) must be submitted to Darla Brandon at the address listed above by August 1, 2007.

Reviews need not be conducted if the friend of the court director has not served for at least one full year. If no review is conducted, the chief circuit judge should still send Form FOC 17 to the Bureau explaining on the form why the review was not conducted.

Please direct any questions regarding the Friend of the Court annual statutory review to Timothy Cole at 517-373-9663, or colet@courts.mi.gov.